

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

I. Listing of Claims:

1-14. (Canceled)

15-27. (Withdrawn)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Newly Added) A method for processing packages, the method comprising:
receiving a package at an intermediate shipping site, the package having an associated addressee;
receiving a message from the addressee of the package;
determining a delivery authorization status corresponding to the package based on the received message; and
A' delivering the package if the authorization status is that delivery is acceptable and not delivering the package if the authorization status is that delivery is not acceptable.

30. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 29, wherein receiving a message comprises receiving message information comprising at least one of the following: an identification of the sender of the package, an identification of the addressee of the package, an identification of the package, and a projected delivery date of the package.

31. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 30, wherein determining the delivery authorization status comprises determining a current date and determining the delivery authorization status as delivery is acceptable if the projected delivery date matches the current date.

32. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 30, wherein determining a delivery authorization status comprises:
determining, from the received package, package information comprising at least one of the following: an identification of the sender of the package, an identification of the addressee of the package, and an identification of the package.

33. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 32, wherein determining a delivery authorization status further comprises:

determining the delivery authorization status as delivery is acceptable if the package information matches the message information.

34. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 33, wherein receiving a message comprises receiving an e-mail message.

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parsing the e-mail message into at least one of the following: an identification of the sender of the package, an identification of the addressee of the package, an identification of the package, and a projected delivery date of the package.

36. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 34, further comprising receiving a second e-mail message from a sender of the package.

37. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 36, wherein determining a delivery authorization status comprises:

determining, from the first e-mail message, at least one of the following: an identification of the sender of the package, an identification of the addressee of the package, an identification of the package, and a projected delivery date of the package;

determining, from the second e-mail message, at least one of the following: an identification of the sender of the package, an identification of the addressee of the package, an identification of the package, and a current date;

determining, from the second e-mail message, a delivery authorization status as either delivery is acceptable or delivery is not acceptable; and

designating the package for delivery if the information determined from the first e-mail message matches the information determined from the second e-mail message and if the

delivery authorization status determined from the second e-mail message is delivery is acceptable.

38. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 30, further comprising storing at least one of following: the delivery authorization status, the sender identification, the addressee identification, the package identification, and the projected delivery date of the package.

39. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 29, wherein determining a delivery authorization status comprises:

determining a sender identification; and

determining the delivery authorization status as delivery is acceptable if the determined sender identification matches one of a plurality of predefined senders and determining the authorization status as delivery is not acceptable if the determined sender identification does not match any of the plurality of predefined senders.

40. (Newly Added) A method for processing packages, the method comprising:

receiving a package at an intermediate shipping site, the package having an associated sender;

determining a delivery authorization status corresponding to the package based on the associated sender and a plurality of predefined senders; and

delivering the package if the authorization status is that delivery is acceptable and not delivering the package if the authorization status is that delivery is not acceptable.

41. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 40, wherein determining a delivery authorization status comprises:

determining the delivery authorization status as delivery is acceptable if the associated sender matches one of a plurality of predefined senders and determining the authorization status as delivery is not acceptable if the associated sender does not match any of the plurality of predefined senders.

42. (Newly Added) A system for determining a delivery authorization status corresponding to a received package, the system comprising:

a user interface; and

a processor in communication with the user interface, wherein the processor performs upon receipt of a package at an intermediate shipping site, the package having an associated sender:

determining a delivery authorization status corresponding to the package based on the associated sender and a plurality of predefined senders; and

designating the package for delivery if the authorization status is that delivery is acceptable and designating the package for no delivery if the authorization status is that delivery is not acceptable.

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43. (Newly Added) The system as recited in claim 42, wherein determining a delivery authorization status comprises:

determining the delivery authorization status as delivery is acceptable if the associated sender matches one of a plurality of predefined senders and determining the authorization status as delivery is not acceptable if the associated sender does not match any of the plurality of predefined senders.

44. (Newly Added) A system for determining a delivery authorization status corresponding to a received package, the system comprising:

a user interface; and

a processor in communication with the user interface, wherein the processor performs upon receipt of a package at an intermediate shipping site, the package having an associated addressee:

receiving a message from the addressee of the package;

determining a delivery authorization status corresponding to the package based on the received message; and

designating the package for delivery if the authorization status is that delivery is acceptable and designating the package for no delivery if the authorization status is that delivery is not acceptable.

45. (Newly Added) The system as recited in claim 44, wherein receiving a message comprises receiving message information comprising at least one of the following: an identification of the sender of the package, an identification of the addressee of the package, an identification of the package, and a projected delivery date of the package.

46. (Newly Added) The system as recited in claim 45, wherein determining the delivery authorization status comprises determining a current date and determining the delivery authorization status as delivery is acceptable if the projected delivery date matches the current date.

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47. (Newly Added) The system as recited in claim 45, wherein determining a delivery authorization status comprises:

determining, from the received package, package information comprising at least one of the following: an identification of the sender of the package, an identification of the addressee of the package, and an identification of the package.

48. (Newly Added) The system as recited in claim 47, wherein determining a delivery authorization status further comprises:

determining the delivery authorization status as delivery is acceptable if the package information matches the message information.

49. (Newly Added) The system as recited in claim 44, wherein determining a delivery authorization status comprises:

determining a sender identification; and

determining the delivery authorization status as delivery is acceptable if the determined sender identification matches one of a plurality of predefined senders and determining the authorization status as delivery is not acceptable if the determined sender identification does not match any of the plurality of predefined senders.
